

## The Intelligencer.

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## Is a Religious Crisis impending in Europe?

A few days ago we printed in our telegraphic columns the following cable dispatch from London:

LONDON, August 5.—During the discussion of the public worship regulation bill in the House of Commons, Mr. Disraeli, in referring to the strife between Church and State on the continent, expressed the conviction, however tranquil might be the general state of Europe, that there were agencies at work preparing a period of great disturbance.

This utterance of the British Premier has attracted the attention of the newspapers, and they are now asking themselves, and each other, what he means. The New York Herald of Sunday last, in referring to the utterance, makes the following observation in regard to it:

"The 'dark agencies' to which as a Minister he alludes are explained by his long guarded utterances as an aspirant to power. During the last Parliamentary campaign he predicted that the Church of Rome would unite with the democracies of Europe to overthrow the established governments; that in England, as well as on the Continent of Europe, the influence and power and wealth of the Church would be thrown on the side of the people to topple over tottering thrones and to build up republics on their ruins. The disestablishment of the Church in Ireland was to be followed by disestablishment in England. Rome, stripped of her temporalities, was to be the Italian Republic a restoration of those rights of which she had been robbed by the Italian King. Germany, with its eighteen millions of good Catholics, was to bury the unprincipled intrigues of Bismarck beneath the ruins of the profligate and oppressive Empire. Europe was to be democratic, and the Church of Rome was to be rehabilitated in her temporal powers and strengthened in her spiritual influence.

The New York Post does not concur in this view of the probable future of Europe. It inclines to the opinion that there is not the slightest danger of any disturbance in the Roman Catholic countries of Europe on account of purely religious motives. It avers that with the exception of Ireland the hold of the Catholic Church and its priests upon the mind of the people is thoroughly loosened. And in speaking of the recent religious pilgrimages in France, which seemed to indicate an extraordinary religious awakening, it observes that they were partly the result of the war, which left many widows and orphans, in whom religious feeling was naturally increased by adversity, and partly a concerted arrangement of the Legation party. It is no exaggeration, says the Post, to say that almost every male pilgrim who took part in the excursions to Lourdes and similar places was paid for so doing. Few of them, perhaps, got money in hand; but all had the expenses of their journey paid, and all were provided with lodgings and food, and all were promised some prospective advantage in the shape of a situation, an increase of customers, a promotion, or something similar. The priest in the villages all over France has never had so little influence as now, and the cathedrals and churches of the towns were never so deserted. The system of civil baptisms and civil burials is not so predominant in Italy and France as it is in a large portion of Spain, but it is constantly spreading itself. Some time ago the London Times sent out a special commissioner to investigate the condition of religious feeling in Italy, as displayed in connection with the prosecution of the German bishops. That gentleman wrote a series of very remarkable letters, of which one dated Rome, January 5, is particularly to the point.

"The religious movement which is now convulsing Germany and Switzerland, and which is followed with eager attention by England and America, is looked upon with most perfect indifference in Italy. They will, as they say, not only have no religious enthusiasm, but no religious differences among themselves; no heresy, no schism. They aspire to the religious liberty which is, in their opinion, perfectly compatible with religious unity. There may be in this country unlimited dissent, but it must be individual; as many persons as there are heads, but no religious confessions or denominations; no Babel of churches or sects. It must be quite possible, as it has indeed always been, even under the most uncompromising Papal tyranny, for husband and wife, for brother and sister, to live together in charity and unity, and to be religious, though the male members of the 'happy family' are, or think themselves, thorough atheists or materialists, while those of the other sex are plunged into the most abject and silly superstition. What the Italians did in the days of Luther and Calvin they do now in those of Dollinger and Loyola; they receive the new religion with the same squabble with curiosity, and dismiss it with a sneer. The Italian will carry superstition to any extent, but there is no bigotry in his composition. It was only against the Dominican inquisitors in Milan and Naples that the population frequently rose in rebellion, and it is in the same spirit that they rebuke the Italian youths throughout the country always harbored and evinced violent hatred, because they imagined that both those monastic orders, each in its way, attempted to interfere with the right of private judgment in religious matters. So long as a man confessed and took the sacrament, christened his children and paid his marriage fees, what business was it of priest, monk or Pope to pry into his thought or probe his heart? For those who want a church there should be a church of some sort or other. What matters it if new dogmas are proclaimed or how many new saints are canonized, if no one compels you to believe in them? Why should you distress yourself about the Pope's infallibility, if you are allowed to laugh at it in your sleeve? There have been Prelates and there have been Cardinals and even Popes, whose religion, if inquired into, would have been as complete a blank as your own, but these went through a mockery of belief. Why should it not be let be free to every man to be a Christian, a skeptic, or even a hypocrite. Let there be peace on earth, and let every man go to heaven, or elsewhere, his own way.

This is exactly the state of affairs prevailing also through France and Spain. Even Don Carlos, who is supposed to be an extraordinary bigot, was compelled, the other day, to be very sober in his promises to the priests in a manifesto which he issued after Marshal Omeña had been killed.

The decrease of bigotry, and even of sound religious feeling, throughout the Latin countries, does not necessarily imply the decrease of superstition. There are plenty of men all over the world who never believed in any religion, yet would not embark in a new business on a Monday, or start upon a journey on a Friday, and in countries so much predisposed to superstition as Spain and Italy, people will, for a long time to come, remain what they have been in this respect. But their superstition is no longer a religious one—it is one of ignorance.

The Protestant missionaries have long been aware of this decline of the Roman Catholic religious sentiment, and have increased their own zeal in the southern countries of Europe; but they have had very little success. The supposition that because men became bad Roman Catholics they could be easily turned into good Protestants proved to be a thoroughly false one. The cold form of northern Protestant worship, with its long discourses, cannot suit the southern temperament. The above quoted Times correspondent remarks that:

"A religion all of pomp and ceremony and groveling asceticism suited the southern temperament, and down almost to the present day the opera and ballet in Rome were always worse than third rate, and poorly attended, because the theatre could not compete with the Church in the pomp and circumstance of mere scenic effects. Italians do not see the advantage of raising many Churches on the ruins of one. It would be, in their opinion, like 'marrying the Pope, and begetting a whole brood of infallibilities.' There are now Waldensian, Methodist and other Evangelical Churches and schools in Rome as in other Italian cities, but their success is not very encouraging even in the opinion of their candid promoters."

Something very similar is said with reference to Spain, by all who have carefully observed the state of affairs in that country for the last few years. In an English work recently published on Spain, the author, devoting a whole chapter to the decline of religious feeling in that country, says:

"There are chapels in Madrid, Seville, Alicante, and a few other towns, but they never had and never will have any more influence upon the general state of religion in those countries, than a chapel got up somewhere near Wolverhampton, by, if I remember rightly, some twenty-three gentlemen anxious to introduce the rite of the Greek Church in England, will have in the United Kingdom. True, that should be disposed to give oneself some trouble, one may find in Madrid and in a few of the southern towns a copy of the Bible. But it is always sure to be a very dusty one; and for my part I have never seen any either in circulation or even in the show-windows of the booksellers. All the efforts of the 'British and Foreign Bible Society' of the National Bible Society of Scotland, of the Edinburgh Evangelization Society, and what not, have never obtained any greater result than that which crowned the efforts of the 'London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews,' which spends, I believe, about thirty thousand pounds a year for all that purpose on the city of London, and bids for all north of said creek, the same being separate bids. Also proposals for the entire City District. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids."

In view of the above extracts, the N. Y. Post remarks that in foreboding general disturbances of a religious character, Mr. Disraeli showed a remarkably deficient understanding of the time we live in, and a thorough want of knowledge of the condition of the political and working classes throughout Europe.

**DIED.**  
MEYER.—On Monday evening, August 10th, 1874, at 9 o'clock, Miss Mary daughter of Charles A. and Hannah Meyer, aged 11 months and 24 days.  
Funeral from the residence of her parents, No. 223 Main street, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.  
OOP.—On Monday evening, August 10, 1874, at 9 o'clock, Thomas H. Oop, aged 45 years.  
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